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Appl. No. 10/001,759  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Makoto Takemoto, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT "B"**

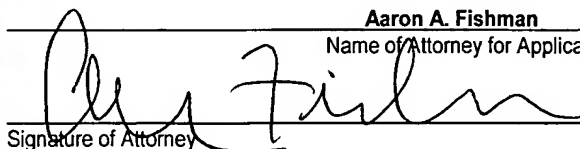
Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2005 (Paper No. 20050427). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on August 9, 2005. A check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed for the addition of two independent claims in excess of 3.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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